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LITTLE BENNY'S NOTEBOOK

By Leo Page

SPRING.

O spring is the season of the year
When every little bud,
Tries hard to be a flower
And the April rain makes mud.
In spring the birds hum back from
The South,
As fast as anything,
How sad if a bird flying back from
The South
Got careless and dropped a wing!
The butterflies leave their cocoons
Also the moth and miller,
And fly around so happily
Never minding they want a caterpillar.
The plants stay where there plant
But the seeds perrade passes,
The April raindrops trickled down,
And so does suffer and mullaise.
The trees are clipped so they can
Grow again,
And the grass is green and lawn,
The robin and the sparrow and the
hokey pokey man
Aw! raises their voice in sawing.
Yure pants sticks to the seats in
school,
Aw! account of summer beeing
near,
The little herds aw! make there
nests
And yure mothir makes root beer.

**SIR JAMES M. BARRIE, CREATOR
OF "PETER PAN," 55 TOMORROW**

Sir James Matthew Barrie, the distinguished playwright, will pass his 55th birthday tomorrow, as the creator of "Peter Pan" and many other indelible characters, was born in Kirriemuir, Scotland, May 9, 1860. Sir James is perhaps the best loved and certainly about the wealthiest of the world's playwrights, but his success was achieved only after years of ill-paid and patient endeavor. In his young manhood the shy and retiring Scotchman was a journalist, and was employed on the Nottingham Journal. For a weekly salary of about \$14 he wrote two columns or more a day, besides doing his share of "leg work."

Barrie's first drama was called "Polly's Dilemma," and it is now forgotten—and it will never be resurrected if Sir James can prevent it. This product of the "pencil hand of the future great dramatist was written for Minnie Palmer. Equally obsolete is his initial attempt at a fiction writer—a sentimental tale of 30,000 words, for which the author received the magnificent sum of £15. Even before his journalistic days Barrie had manifested a marked inclination toward literature and the drama, and as a school boy at Dumfries academy he edited a paper and wrote amateur plays. In those days he also had an ambition to shine on the stage, and often played female character roles in amateur theatricals. In the office of the Nottingham Journal he frequently entertained his journalistic colleagues by giving imitations of the famous actors and actresses of the day. He scored his first real success in 1887 when he published "Better Dead," a satire on London life. This was quickly followed by "A Window in Thrums" and "My Lady Nicotine," and "The Little Minister," published in 1891 and staged six years later, established his reputation as one of the foremost literary men of the century. "Thrums," the little cottage where Sir James was born—the second of ten children—has been immortalized in one of his novels, and in "Margaret Ogilvy" he has presented to the world a pen picture of his mother. Margaret Ogilvy was his mother's maiden name, by which she was known even after her marriage, in accordance with the custom which prevails in remote districts of Scotland. Sir James married an actress, Miss Mary Ansell, in 1894, but his domestic life was not happy, and they were divorced in 1909.

Believed to be suffering from a nervous breakdown, Alderman Cassius W. Ranney of Newcastle, Pa., shot and seriously injured himself in his office there.

The French government will within a few days introduce a bill in the Chamber of Deputies to prohibit the manufacture or sale of alcohol in any form during the duration of the war.

Warning against orders to ships of the navy to steam at "critical speed" is contained in the report of the special board that investigated the breaking of the battleship Connecticut's shaft during recent maneuvers.

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POLICE

The first to organize a municipal police system along modern lines was the Marquis d'Argenson, who died in Paris 184 years ago today. Argenson was a native of Venice, and first achieved fame in that republic, where he was a state secret agent. In 1697 he went to France and became the head of the police department of Paris. Coming of a high family, he was considered to have degraded himself by accepting this post, but he soon raised the office to his own level. The gendarmes of Paris, from a disorganized band of ruffians, were made over into a highly efficient force. Argenson also formed a body of secret agents, such as now would be called detectives, whose duty it was to ferret out criminals and unearth plots against the government. Argenson later laid the foundation for the French secret service and sent spies to all countries with which France might become involved in war. The system of international espionage inaugurated by Argenson was perfected by Karl Stieber, who organized the Prussian secret service and sent thousands of his men into Austria and France prior to Prussia's wars against those countries.

KEEPING UP ADVERTISING.

Publicity has recently been given to the success of a St. Louis roofing concern, in the hard times of last fall organized a \$200,000 advertising campaign. As a result so much new trade came in that their business is 70 cent better than it had been the year before.

In a small way this experience can be duplicated in the experience of a great many retail business enterprises. It used to be the case, that when there was a business depression, advertising fell off, and newspapers ran fewer pages or filled up more space with plate matter.

Our observation of our exchanges is to the effect that they have run just as much advertising through the slow business of the last year. This is because enterprising firms have realized that advertising is the main-spring of their business.

When a manufacturing firm finds business flat, it does not turn off its salesmen. On the contrary it is apt to hire more salesmen, so as to cover the territory more thoroughly. The newspaper advertisement is the retail merchant's salesman, and it should be kept working all the time.

Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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The Wise Fool.
"Conscience makes cowards of us all," quoted the sage.
"Then every wife's middle name must be Conscience," argued the fool.

The Horrors of War.
This is an awful war. My land!
It makes a fellow frown.
The Russians capture Pzemyal and Pzanyez is the next town.

Huh!
"The wise guy wants to sell me his automobile," remarked the old fogey.
"He claims that he hasn't paid a cent for repairs on it in a whole year."
"Well, maybe he is telling the truth," said the grouch. "His creditors tell me that he hasn't paid a bill of any kind in more than a year."

Advice.
With your coin do not be a fool.
Be saving and don't bow.
And you will find, my son, that you'll have no fear of tomorrow.

The Byplay Minstrel.
"Mr. Interlocutor, can you tell me who was the first man to have a walking stick?"
"No, Mr. Bones, I cannot. Will you enlighten us?"
"Why, it was Adam, Mr. Interlocutor."

"How do you know it was Adam, Mr. Bones?"
"Didn't Eve present him with a Cain?"
"As soon as the place has been properly fumigated by the board of health Mr. Wursen Wurse will render that pathetic ballad, 'He Works Out at the Stockyards, but He Hasn't Got a Scent!'"

Beware!
A month too soon he took them off,
Ehed tears for Mr. Boffin.
For, first of all, he got a cough,
And then he got a coffin.

Great Heavens!
Dear Luke—Did you know that Pearl E. Gates lives at Washington Court House, O.?—Reader.

Wough!
Said a farm hand: "I sure hate to plough.
For it always brings sweat to my brow.
When I am asked this year
If a plow I can steer
I'll say, 'No, sir! I do not know how!'"

Names Is Names.
Hen Koop is a farmer who lives at St. Marys, O.

Is That So!
Dear Luke—A Columbus corn fed (she weighs 200 pounds on the hoof) tells me that she was once so thin that she had to drink muddy water to keep people from seeing through her.—Tiffin Gilmore, Columbus, O.

Things to Worry About.
In Cherranongee, south Assam, it rains every day in the year.

Our Daily Special.
Success is what the other fellow is enjoying.

Luke McLuke Says:
A woman usually means what she says when she says it, but she just can't help changing her mind.

This would be a much better world if people would only finish everything that they start.

Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery in some cases, but not when you give a girl a ten cent store diamond ring.

Don't argue. Did you ever hear an argument that was anything more or less than a flock of unnecessary conversation?

Any old time you see mother wearing daughter's cast-off hats and coats it is a sign that she wants daughter to have all the special scenery so she can get married off.

Human nature is queer stuff. The man who is too smart to buy a gold brick twice will often go and get married the second time.

Before he gets her, her wonderful magnetism inspires him to do great deeds. But after he gets her he thinks she has about as much magnetism as a cold fried egg.

If a woman has enough spoons to entertain without running around and borrowing some, she always imagines that she is a little better than her neighbors.

The world is growing better. There is a terrible shortage in the crop of spring poetry this year.

We may be only tenth raters at what we are doing. But we all know that we could do the other fellow's job better than he is doing it.

A scientist says that the ordinary woman's vocabulary runs about 400 words. But she uses the 400 about 400 times an hour.

There are not many sure things in life. But it is always a cinch bet that any old time a real young girl marries a real old man the old man has money.

When a wife has her husband properly trained he spends half the year carrying out ashes and the other half emptying the pan under the icebox.

Love may be blind. But jealousy goes around with a fifty inch telescope. Nothing ever pays as big dividends as good health.

Most of the reformers go around talking about their principles when that they really mean is their prejudices.

The contract for construction of the lighthouse tender Cedar has been awarded to the Craig Shipbuilding Co. of Long Beach, Cal., for \$234,500. The completion is promised in 12 months. The Cedar is for use in Alaska.

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